

AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 2, 2003

**Senate Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 24**

**Introduced by Senator Morrow**

April 21, 2003

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 24—Relative to highway designations.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 24, as amended, Morrow. California Highway Patrol Officers Stephen M. Linen, Jr. and Sean Nava Memorial ~~Highway~~ *Highways*.

This measure would designate 2 ~~unspecified~~ portions of ~~State Highway Route~~ *Interstate 5* in the County of San Diego to the memory of California Highway Patrol Officers Stephen M. Linen, Jr. and Sean Nava. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing these designations and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering those costs, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, The calling to be a peace officer is one of the  
2 highest vocations of public service and any individual who accepts  
3 this calling is worthy of the highest respect and honor the  
4 community, state, and nation can provide; and

5 WHEREAS, California Highway Patrol Officer Stephen M.  
6 Linen, Jr., badge number 13812, was killed in the line of duty  
7 during the morning of August 12, 2001. Stephen M. Linen, Jr. was  
8 issuing a citation on ~~State Highway Route~~ *Interstate 5* near  
9 Leucadia Boulevard in Encinitas when a ~~drunken-driving suspect~~

1 *drunk driver* collided into his patrol vehicle and struck the officer;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Stephen M. Linen, Jr. succumbed to his injuries as  
4 a result of the collision; and

5 WHEREAS, Stephen M. Linen, Jr. is survived by his mother,  
6 Mary Monahan, father, Stephen Linen, Sr., brother, ~~Chris~~  
7 *Christopher* Linen, and many beloved family members, and  
8 friends; and

9 WHEREAS, Stephen M. Linen, Jr. was born on July 22, 1970,  
10 in San Jose, California. He moved to San Diego in 1985, and lived  
11 in the Rancho Bernardo area. Stephen M. Linen, Jr. attended and  
12 graduated from Mount Carmel High School in 1988; and

13 WHEREAS, Prior to beginning his career with the California  
14 Highway Patrol, Stephen M. Linen, Jr. graduated from California  
15 State University, San Diego with a degree in Criminal Justice in  
16 1993. Stephen M. Linen, Jr. pursued and achieved his goal of  
17 obtaining a private pilot's license; and

18 WHEREAS, Stephen M. Linen, Jr. joined the California  
19 Highway Patrol on July 25, 1994. After successfully completing  
20 his academy training, he reported to the Monterey area as an  
21 officer on January 26, 1995; and

22 WHEREAS, Stephen M. Linen, Jr. made significant  
23 contributions to traffic safety and assisting the motoring public  
24 while assigned to the Monterey, San Diego, and Oceanside Area  
25 offices; and

26 WHEREAS, Stephen M. Linen, Jr. was nominated for the Burn  
27 Institute's "Spirit of Courage Award" for his 1998 act of bravery  
28 and heroism when he rescued a man trapped in a burning vehicle  
29 on State Highway Route 5 in San Diego; and

30 WHEREAS, Stephen M. Linen, Jr. served six years, seven  
31 months, as a sworn peace officer for the California Highway Patrol  
32 and was known by his fellow officers for his dedication to the  
33 department and to the protection of the citizens of our state; and

34 WHEREAS, California Highway Patrol Officer Sean Nava,  
35 badge number 12890, was killed in the line of duty during the  
36 morning of October 28, 2000. Sean Nava was investigating an  
37 earlier traffic collision on Interstate 5 in the City of Carlsbad when  
38 a ~~drunken-driving-suspect~~ *drunk driver* collided into him; and

39 WHEREAS, Sean Nava succumbed to his injuries as a result of  
40 the collision; and



1 WHEREAS, Sean Nava is survived by his wife, Melanie,  
2 daughter, Alexandria, son, Patrick, *mother, Rose*, and many  
3 beloved family members, and friends; and

4 WHEREAS, Sean Nava was born on April 8, 1967, in West  
5 Covina, California. His family moved to Oceanside when he was  
6 one year old. Sean Nava attended and graduated from Oceanside  
7 High School; and

8 WHEREAS, Prior to beginning his career with the California  
9 Highway Patrol, Sean Nava enlisted in the United States Army. He  
10 honorably served his country as an Army Military Police Officer  
11 in Germany and in Herlong, California. As an Army Military  
12 Police Officer, he conducted undercover narcotics investigations  
13 with the Army Criminal Investigation Division. Sean Nava was  
14 honorably discharged at the rank of sergeant; and

15 WHEREAS, Sean Nava joined the California Highway Patrol  
16 on July 31, 1989. After successfully completing his academy  
17 training he reported to the San Jose Area on December 21, 1989;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Sean Nava made significant contributions to  
20 traffic safety and assisting the motoring public while assigned to  
21 the ~~Monterey~~ San Jose, San Diego, and Oceanside Area offices;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Sean Nava was posthumously awarded the Medal  
24 of Valor for his off-duty act of bravery and heroism when he  
25 attempted to rescue the driver of a vehicle that had collided with  
26 a residence and propane tank, and subsequently erupted in flames.  
27 Without regard to his own personal safety, Sean Nava and a citizen  
28 made repeated attempts to rescue the trapped driver; and

29 WHEREAS, Sean Nava served 11 years, three months, as a  
30 sworn peace officer for the California Highway Patrol and was  
31 known by his fellow officers for his dedication to the department  
32 and to the protection of the citizens of our state; and

33 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
34 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the  
35 portion of ~~State Highway Route 5 between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_~~  
36 *northbound Interstate 5 at Leucadia Boulevard between milepost*  
37 *42.712 and milepost 44.712* in the County of San Diego to the  
38 memory of California Highway Patrol Officer Stephen M. Linen,  
39 Jr.; and be it further

1     *Resolved*, That the Legislature hereby designates the ~~portion of~~  
2 ~~State Highway Route 5 between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_~~ *portion of*  
3 *northbound Interstate 5 at Tamarack Avenue between milepost*  
4 *49.278 and milepost 51.278* in the County of San Diego to the  
5 memory of California Highway Patrol Officer Sean Nava; and be  
6 it further

7     *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested to  
8 determine the costs of erecting appropriate signs, consistent with  
9 the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing  
10 these special designations, and, upon receiving donations from  
11 nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and be it  
12 further

13     *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
14 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

